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For Putting the Kingdom in a Posture of Defence.

THE Meeting of the Estates of this Kingdom, have thought fit to Certifie and Advertise the Leidges, that after an Act and Vote of the Estates subscribed by the Members, Declaring and Enacting, that the Estates would continue their Meeting undissolved until they should Settle and Secure the Protestant Religion, the Government, Laws and Liberties of the Kingdom: Nevertheless, several Persons who did Concur with them in that Vote, and Subscribed the same, have Deserted the Meeting of the Estates, and some of them have presumed openly to Correspond with the Duke of Gordon since the Proclamation of Intercommuning against him, and to Retire from this place in Form of War, Therefore, the Estates do Require all such of their Members as have Deserted the Meeting without Acquainting the Estates or their President, to return with all Conveniency to the Meeting of Estates; and likewise the Estates do Advertise and Require the whole Protestants of the Kingdom, betwixt Sixty and Sixteen, to be in Readiness with their best Horses and Arms, upon Advertisement from this Meeting of Estates, and likewise to have their Militia in Readiness to receive such Orders as shall be directed to them from the said Estates for Securing the Protestant Religion, the Laws and Liberties of the Kingdom. And Ordains these Presents to be Published at the Mercat-Crosses of the several Head-Burghs of the Kingdom, that none may pretend Ignorance hereof. Extracted out of the Records of the Meeting of Estates, by me

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